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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)

THROUGH: Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT: Scheduling of 1959 CORONA Vehicles

1. Please note the last chart under TAB D which indicates that of the total of 38 highest priority targets 20 lie south of the 55th parallel and that of the 518 high targets, 402 lie south of the 55th parallel. Operations advises that the area below the 55th parallel has at least a 10° sun angle for some part of the day through November, December and January.

2. Of the remaining 10 1959 vehicles under procurement we hope that 4 will be fired in September and October. Two more go over to the 1960 program. The balance of 4 contains mission #1025 originally scheduled for bio-med purposes. As I understood your statement at the CORONA meeting, you will probably wish two of these to be camera shots during the winter, but would be willing to turn over the 3rd for bio-med and CORONA cover purposes. In view of the approximate 90 day lead time involved in preparing another bio-med shot, we recommend that you finalize your decision now so that the arrangements can be made.

3. Recommendation: It is recommended that in addition to mission #1025 one more 1959 vehicle be used for a bio-med shot sometime in December 1959.

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Chief, Development Branch
DPD

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APPROVED:

Deputy Director (Plans)

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